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PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 01986.0021-01000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Richard H. WARREN ) Group Art Unit: 2682  
Serial No.: 09/216,036 ) Examiner: N. Mehrpour  
Filed: December 18, 1998 )  
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR )  
PREVENTING SUN TRANSIT )  
OUTAGES IN POINT-TO-MULTIPOINT )  
SATELLITE SYSTEMS )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action of April 18, 2001, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 7 and amend claim 8 in the manner noted in the attached

Appendix as follows:

8. (Twice Amended) An earth station for use in a point-to-multipoint communication system including a small satellite antenna for transmitting a wide beam communication signal and a plurality of adjacent geostationary satellites for

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